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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2008.

In the Action, restriction is required between:

- (I) Claims 1 to 19, identified in the Action as being directed to a preform; and
- (II) Claims 20 to 31, identified in the Action as being directed to a process for producing a preform.

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Applicants elect the subject matter of group (I), claims 1 to 19, for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse with the understanding that the applicants' rights under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 121 to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter are retained.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2008. A favorable action on the merits of the elected subject matter is believed to be in order and is respectfully solicited.

In the event any fees are required, please also charge our Deposit Account No. 111833.

Respectfully submitted,

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